

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY BOARD
Thursday 5 June 2014 at 11.30am

Attendees

Cllr Feilding-Mellen

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Officers

Item No.

Ms. Gillian Tobin

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Ms. Ruth Angel

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Laura Johnson

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Steve Mellor

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Graham Hart

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Richard Miller

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Tony Redpath

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Kitty Mortimer

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Kathy Howard

1. Minutes

Agreed.

2. Curran House Development

Laura Johnson outlined the potential re-development and the proposal to meet the development partner to talk through the scheme.

Cllr Fielding-Mellen stated that he would like Corporate Property to look at the opportunity costs and ensure that the Council was getting the best deal. Officers undertook to arrange the meeting with the development partner.

Action by: Kitty Mortimer

3. Angle Co-Working

Policy Board discussed the report and the option for co-working in light of the demand for affordable workspace in the borough. Cllr Feilding-Mellen was surprised at how small the co-working space is (although this would be easier to deliver), and was advised that something on a grander scale could be considered. Differing options including a combination approach would be the most attractive.

Policy Board noted that incubation space would be at least 30,000 sq. ft. – and this is seen as much more practical.

WDT is keen to explore this and officers are in discussions with them. Officers were asked to explore the option of a collaborative venture with WDT or awarding a soft loan to them to allow them to work with other partners.

Officers would need to complete the overview vision paper and hold discussions with WDT in July, once Cllr Feilding-Mellen has resigned from the Board.

Action by: Graham Hart

4. Draft EDR – John Lyons Trust Grant Funding

Policy Board agreed to take the report to Cabinet and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee and to get it signed off by Cllr Campbell and FCS.

Action by: Graham Hart

5. Developer Led Approach – Update

Tony Redpath outlined the revised S106 approach with Cadogan Estates, in view of this unique situation.

Cllr Feilding-Mellen was happy with the proposal. Officers would progress discussions with Cadogan Estates and get the agreement in place.

Action by: Graham Hart

6. Grenfell Tower

Policy Board discussed the draft report. Cllr Feilding-Mellen stated that the report needed to explain the increased budget allocation and justify the difference. Policy Board discussed the contingency, not currently provided for – increasing the budget from £9.7m to £10.3m.

Cllr Feilding-Mellen also asked that officers outline the list of items that would be lost from the scheme should approval to award the increased budget be not given by Cabinet.

Action by: Kitty Mortimer

7. Financial/Business Plan

Steve Mellor took Policy Board through the template. He undertook to add Homelessness and Temporary Accommodation to the key accountabilities section (page 1).

The template was otherwise approved.

Action by: Steve Mellor

8. Outturn Reports

Subject to a breakdown of the underspend in para. 2.11 of the General Fund report, both outturn reports were approved.

Action by: Steve Mellor

9. Whistler Walk

Cllr Feilding-Mellen undertook to pass on any comments once he has read the report.

The meeting ended at 1.10pm

**The next meeting will take place on Thursday 12 June at
11.00am**